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H. R. 4371

To amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to enhance efforts to combat the trafficking of children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRY (for himself, Mr. NEHLS, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Kayla Hamilton Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. ENHANCING EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE TRAF-**
6 **FICKING OF CHILDREN.**

7 Section 235(c) of the William Wilberforce Trafficking
8 Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (8 U.S.C.
9 1232(c)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2)—

2 (A) by striking “Subject to section
3 462(b)(2)” and inserting “(i) IN GENERAL.—
4 Except as provided in clause (ii), subject to sec-
5 tion 462(b)(2)”;

6 (B) by striking “In making such place-
7 ments, the Secretary may consider” and insert-
8 ing “In making such placements, the Secretary
9 shall consider”;

10 (C) by striking “A child shall not be
11 placed” and inserting “Except as provided in
12 clause (ii), a child shall not be placed”; and

13 (D) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(ii) ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS.—Ex-
15 cept in the case of a unaccompanied alien
16 child who is 12 years of age or younger—

17 “(I) prior to making a placement
18 under clause (i), the Secretary shall—

19 “(aa) contact the consulate
20 or embassy of the country of na-
21 tionality or last habitual resi-
22 dence of an unaccompanied alien
23 child in the custody of the Sec-
24 retary of Health and Human
25 Services to request such unac-

1 accompanied alien child's criminal
2 record; and

3 “(bb) shall conduct an ex-
4 amination of the unaccompanied
5 alien child for gang-related tat-
6 toos and other gang-related
7 markings, and

8 “(II) if the Secretary determines
9 that the unaccompanied alien child
10 has a gang-related tattoo, any other
11 gang-related marking, or an arrest
12 record, pending criminal charge, or
13 conviction in his or her country of na-
14 tionality or last habitual residence re-
15 lating to gang affiliation or activity,
16 the unaccompanied alien child shall be
17 placed in a secure facility.

18 Notwithstanding clause (i), the Secretary
19 is not required to review the placement of
20 an unaccompanied alien child in a secure
21 facility under this clause.”; and

22 (2) in paragraph (3)—

23 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

24 (i) by striking “Subject to the require-
25 ments of subparagraph (B)” and inserting

1 “Subject to the requirements of subpara-
2 graphs (B) and (D)”; and

3 (ii) by inserting at the end the fol-
4 lowing: “A child shall not be placed with
5 an individual who is unlawfully present in
6 the United States.”; and

7 (B) by inserting at the end the following:

8 “(D) INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS
9 WITH WHOM CHILDREN ARE PLACED.—Before
10 placing a child with an individual, the Secretary
11 of Health and Human Services shall provide to
12 the Secretary of Homeland Security, regarding
13 the individual with whom the child will be
14 placed and all adult residents of the individual’s
15 household, information on—

16 “(i) the name of the individual and all
17 adult residents of the individual’s house-
18 hold;

19 “(ii) the social security number of the
20 individual and all adult residents of the in-
21 dividual’s household;

22 “(iii) the date of birth of the indi-
23 vidual and all adult residents of the indi-
24 vidual’s household;

1 “(iv) the location of the individual’s
2 residence where the child will be placed;

3 “(v) the immigration status of the in-
4 dividual and all adult residents of the indi-
5 vidual’s household;

6 “(vi) contact information for the indi-
7 vidual and all adult residents of the indi-
8 vidual’s household; and

9 “(vii) the results of all background
10 and criminal records checks for the indi-
11 vidual and all adult residents of the indi-
12 vidual’s household, which shall include at a
13 minimum an investigation of public records
14 sex offender registry conducted through
15 the U.S. Department of Justice National
16 Sex Offender public website, a public
17 records background check, and Federal
18 Bureau of Investigation National Criminal
19 history check based on fingerprints.”.

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